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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

PATIL, NILA et al

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Filed: August 24, 2001

For: METHODS FOR REDUCING  
COMPLEXITY OF NUCLEIC ACID  
SAMPLES

Examiner: TBD

Art Unit: 1643

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION  
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 AND §1.98

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The reference cited on the attached form PTO-1449 is being called to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of the reference listed is enclosed herewith.

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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